

**ATHENS-MEIGS EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2026**

The Governing Board of the Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at the Chauncey Office, located at 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

Ms. Dugan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A moment of silent reflection was held, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Fred Davis	Yes
Mr. Kevin Dugan	Yes	Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Steve Wheeler	Absent	Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes
Mr. Mony Wood	Yes		

Ex-officio Members: Mr. Covert Absent Mr. Grippa Yes

26-042. Mr. Dicken moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Governing Board Meeting held on April 22, 2026. Mr. Wood seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Fred Davis	Yes
Mr. Kevin Dugan	Yes	Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Steve Wheeler	Absent	Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes
Mr. Mony Wood	Yes		

Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Head Start Director's Report and Recommendations

26-043. Ms. Dugan moved to approve the following items under the Head Start Report and Recommendations. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion.

A. Approve the Transportation Waiver Request for the 2026-2027 Program Year.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Fred Davis	Yes
Mr. Kevin Dugan	Yes	Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Steve Wheeler	Absent	Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes
Mr. Mony Wood	Yes		

Motion carried.

State Support Team Region 16 Director's Reports and Recommendations

Nothing for the board at this time.

Executive Session

No Executive Session

Treasurer's Reports and Recommendations

26-044. Mr. Bailey moved to approve the following items listed under the Treasurer's Report and Recommendations, seconded by Mr. Dugan.

A. Approve Bills paid in April 2026.

B. Approve Monthly Financial Report for April 2026.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Fred Davis	Yes
Mr. Kevin Dugan	Yes	Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Steve Wheeler	Absent	Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes
Mr. Mony Wood	Yes		

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations

26-045. Mr. Wood moved to approve the following Superintendent's Reports and Recommendations as presented by Lindy Douglas, Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Dugan:

- A. Approve the May 2026 updates to the Substitute Teacher and Substitute Aide Lists for Athens and Meigs Counties.
- B. Accept the resignation of Jadyn Crockron, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, with her last day of employment being April 17, 2026.
- C. Approve a One Year Contract (2025 through 2026) to Baylee VanCooney as a Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, nine months (prorated), effective May 4, 2026, at the rate of \$20.96 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
- D. Approve a One Year Contract (2025 through 2026) to Jalen Flournoy as a Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, nine months (prorated), effective May 18, 2026, at the rate of \$19.64 per hour, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
- E. Approve a One Year Contract (2026 through 2027) to the following individuals as Preschool Teachers, nine months, at the appropriate step of the Teacher Salary Schedule, with Board approved benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need:
 - 1. Laura Calentine
 - 2. Kristen (Paige) Six

Athens City

- F. Accept the resignation of Aubrey Monnin-Brown, 1:1 Paraprofessional at Tri-County Career Center serving an Athens City student, effective at the end of her current contract.

Carleton

- G. Accept the resignation of Erica Wray, Intervention Specialist, effective at the end of her current contract.

Head Start

- H. Accept the resignation of Tabitha Wilt, Early Head Start Teacher at LSELA, with her last day of employment being June 30, 2026.

State Support Team 16

- I. Accept the resignation of Nancy Ruth, Consultant, effective at the end of her current contract for retirement purposes.
- J. First Reading of the Board Policies that were reviewed by the Policy Committee on April 22, 2026:

<u>Policy #</u>	<u>Policy Name</u>
3440	JOB-RELATED EXPENSES (<i>REVISED</i>)
4162	DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OF CDL LICENSE HOLDERS WHO PERFORM SAFETY-SENSITIVE FUNCTIONS (<i>REVISED/TITLE CHANGE</i>)
4162.01	DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OF EMPLOYEES WITHOUT CDL LICENSES WHO TRANSPORT STUDENTS IN ALTERNATIVE VEHICLES (NON-DOT TESTING) (<i>NEW</i>) (<i>CLARIFICATION</i>)
4440	JOB-RELATED EXPENSES (<i>REVISED</i>)
6320	PURCHASING AND BIDDING (<i>REVISED</i>)
6325	PROCUREMENT - FEDERAL GRANTS / FUNDS (<i>REVISED</i>)
6423	USE OF CREDIT CARDS (<i>REVISED</i>)
6425	USE OF CENTER TAX EXEMPT CERTIFICATE (<i>NEW</i>)
6460	VENDOR RELATIONS (<i>REVISED</i>)
6465	AFFINITY, REWARDS, OR OTHER DISCOUNT PROGRAMS (<i>NEW</i>)
7540.09	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (“AI”) (<i>REPLACEMENT</i>)
8500	FOOD SERVICES (<i>REVISED</i>)
8600.04	BUS AND ALTERNATIVE VEHICLE DRIVER CERTIFICATION (<i>REVISED</i>)
8640	TRANSPORTATION FOR NON-ROUTINE TRIPS (<i>REVISED</i>)
8650	TRANSPORTATION BY ALTERNATIVE VEHICLES (<i>REVISED</i>)

Addendum

- K. Request to amend summer hours effective June 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026 to be 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for all employees at all locations.
- L. Accept the resignation of Baylee VanCooney, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, with her last day of employment being May 8, 2026.

- M. Approve paid Administrative Leave to Christina McLain, Classroom Paraprofessional at Beacon School, effective May 6, 2026 through the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Meigs

- N. Approve a Service Contract for August 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, to Jaunita Webb, to provide round trip transportation of her child, a Meigs Local student, to the New Story School in Albany, Ohio at the annual rate of \$18,000.00, plus mileage, no benefits, being contingent upon proper certification, continued funding and need.
- O. Approve the Purchased Services / Liability Waiver Agreement between the Meigs Local School District, Athens-Meigs ESC, and Fred McDaniel (Contractor) for transportation of the student, Jeremiah “Darren” Hamilton, to the Ohio School for the Deaf, being effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Roll call:

Mr. John G Bailey	Yes	Mr. Fred Davis	Yes
Mr. Kevin Dugan	Yes	Ms. Connie Dugan	Yes
Mr. Mick Davenport	Yes	Mr. Jeff Koehler	Yes
Mr. Steve Wheeler	Absent	Mr. Gary Dicken	Yes
Mr. Mony Wood	Yes		

Motion carried

Legislative Report

None

Tri-County Career Center Report

Tri-County is currently negotiating the teacher’s contract.

Old Business

None

New Business

The board discussed raises and decided it to leave it up to the School Districts if they the employee is not on a pays cale through the AMESC.

The next regular Athens-Meigs ESC Governing Board Meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 27th, 2026, 6:00 p.m., at the Athens-Meigs ESC, 21 Birge Drive, Chauncey, Ohio.

26-046. Time 6:48 p.m. Mr. Wood moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dugan seconded the motion. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned.

President

Treasurer